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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Original) An apparatus comprising an inflatable bouncer having an uninflated roof with an inner portion and a periphery, wherein the uninflated roof is supported at the inner portion by an inflated column.
- 2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an inflatable bottom section having a periphery and a central area, wherein the inflated column is coupled to the bottom section proximate the central area.
- 3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising a plurality of inflatable, outer columns coupled proximate the periphery of the bottom section.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the uninflated roof extends between the inner inflated column and a plurality of outer columns.
- 5. (Currently Amended) An inflatable <u>device</u> comprising:
 - a circular, inflatable bottom section having a periphery and a central area;
- an inflatable inner column coupled to the bottom section proximate the central area and extending upward to a peak;
 - a plurality of inflatable, outer columns coupled proximate the periphery;
 - an upper support section coupled to a top of each of the outer columns;
- a wall extending between the bottom section and the upper support section and having a door; and
- an uninflated roof attached to the inner column at a location below the peak and supported by the inner column and the upper support section such that the inflatable bouncer has the appearance of a carousel.

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- 6. (Currently Amended) The inflatable <u>device</u> of claim 5, further including silhouettes of animals on the mesh wall.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The inflatable <u>device</u> of claim 5, wherein the inner column is attached at a center of the bottom section.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The inflatable <u>device</u> of claim 5, wherein the wall includes a mesh wall.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The inflatable <u>device</u> of claim 5, wherein the inner column is taller than the each of the outer columns.
- 10. (Currently Amended) An inflatable <u>bouncer</u> comprising:

 an inflatable bottom section having a periphery and a central area;

 an inflatable inner column coupled to the bottom section proximate the central area;

 a plurality of inflatable, outer columns coupled proximate the periphery; and

 an uninflated roof attached to the inner column and extending generally horizontally

 between the inner column and the outer columns such that the inflatable bouncer has the

 appearance of a cake, wherein a top portion of the inflatable inner column includes one or more

 <u>candle figures</u>.
- 11. (Canceled)
- 12. (Currently Amended) The <u>inflatable</u> bouncer of claim 10, including a wall extending between the roof and the bottom section.
- 13. (Original) A method comprising supporting an uninflated roof having an inner portion and a periphery, wherein the roof is supported at the inner portion by an inflated column.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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- 14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the uninflated roof is further supported by extending the roof between the inflated column and a plurality of outer columns.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

providing an inflatable bouncer having a bottom section, an inner column attached to the bottom section <u>and extending vertically upwards</u>, and a plurality of outer columns attached around a periphery of the bottom section; and

extending an uninflated roof between the inner column and the outer columns.

- 16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein extending includes attaching the roof to the inner column and the outer columns.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein extending includes attaching the roof to the inner column and to a support section which is attached to an upper portion of the outer columns.
- 18. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the inflated column extends vertically upwards.